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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on 06/21/2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): No claims remain that read on the elected invention.

Newly submitted amended claims 1, 8, 12, 19, 21, 23, 24, 30, 32, 33, 38, 40, 41, 47, 49, 50, 55, and 57 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

Newly submitted amended claims 1, 8, 12, 19, 21, 23, 24, 30, 32, 33, 38, 40, 41, 47, 49, 50, 55, and 57 are drawn to the Species of Figure 14, of a species not elected. Applicant's elected species in response filed 06/20/2005 was species of Fig. 21.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1,8-12,19-24,30-33,38-41,47-50 and 55-57 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.


See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jorge L. Ortiz-Criado whose telephone number is (571) 272-7624. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri 10:00 am- 6:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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